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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples on the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, February 15, show a strengthening tendency for barreled stock, but a weakening tendency for boxed varieties, according to quotations cableed the Bureau of Agricultural Economics by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. The demand was good to active for most barreled varieties, but dull for boxed stock. Only light supplies of barreled varieties were available for the auction. Supplies of Washington Winesaps and California Yellow Newtowns, however, were liberal. Oregon Yellow Newtowns and Washington Rome Beautys were in moderate supply. Mr. Smith states that prices on barreled apples in the London market at the present time are from 48 cents to 72 cents per barrel lower than those prevailing in Liverpool. The London market for boxed varieties, however, is about 24 cents per box higher than the Liverpool level. The British market for Spanish oranges remains unchanged, but the demand for grapefruit shows a considerable improvement.

Virginia York Imperials were keenly competed for this week, U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock selling quickly at from \$8.03 to \$8.75 per barrel against \$7.79 to \$8.52 last week. The demand for Virginia Albemarle Pippins is improving, U. S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock ranging from \$9.49 to \$9.75 per barrel against \$8.15 to \$8.27 paid for the same size and grade two weeks ago. There was a fair demand for Virginia Winesaps in sound condition, but the condition of most of the offerings of this variety was poor.

There was a good demand for Oregon Yellow Newtowns, but at lower prices than those prevailing last week, Extra Fancy fruit, sizes 150, 163/175, bringing from \$5.77 to \$6.83 per box compared with \$3.89 to \$4.87 per box last week. The market for Oregon Yellow Newtowns was materially affected by the liberal offerings of Fancy California Newtowns, which sold at from \$2.68 to \$2.92 per box compared with \$3.04 to \$3.22 last week. Supplies of Washington Winesaps were in excess of demand, Extra Fancy fruit, sizes 150, 163/175, bringing from \$2.68 to \$2.74 per box against \$2.80 to \$2.92 per box last week.

The British Empire Marketing Board estimates that approximately 3,610,000 boxes of apples and 370,000 boxes of pears will be available for export from Australia and New Zealand this season, compared with 1,837,000 boxes of apples and 123,000 boxes of pears exported last year, and 3,727,000 boxes of apples and 135,000 boxes of pears in 1926. The first cargo of New Zealand apples for the British market this season will consist of 9,400 cases scheduled for shipment this week.

Prices of American and Canadian apples at Liverpool auction,
Wednesday, February 8 and 15, 1928

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Feb. 8, 1928	Feb. 15, 1928
		Per bbl	Per bbl
York Imperials:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Virginia	\$7.79 - 8.52	\$8.03 - 8.76
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	7.06 - 7.18	7.06 - 8.03
Ben Davis:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	4.87 - 6.20
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	6.81	a/
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	New York	b/ 5.84	a/
Winesaps:			
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Virginia	a/	7.06 - 7.54b/
Unclassified	"	b/ 7.30	a/
Stayman Winesaps:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	b/ 7.06	7.06c/
Albemarle Pippins:			
U.S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	a/	9.49 - 9.73
Starks	Nova Scotia	5.72 - 6.08	5.35 - 5.72
Ben Davis	"	3.89 - 4.33	4.01 - 4.56
Baldwins	"	5.96 - 6.45	6.08 - 6.81
Baldwins	Ontario	a/	8.27
Ben Davis	"	a/	6.08
Winesaps:		Per box	Per box
Extra Fancy, 150,163/175	Washington	2.80 - 2.92	2.68 - 2.74
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.37 - 2.68	2.55
Fancy, 150,163/175	"	2.55 - 2.68	2.55
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.31 - 2.55	2.43 - 2.49
Rome Beautys:			
Extra Fancy, 150,163/175	"	2.92	2.92
Fancy, 150,163/175	"	2.69 - 2.80	2.74
Yellow Newtowns:			
Extra Fancy, 150,163/175	Oregon	3.89 - 4.87	3.77 - 3.83
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.41 - 4.20	a/
Fancy, 150,163/175	"	3.53 - 4.26	3.35 - 3.41
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.16 - 3.47	3.16 - 3.28
Fancy, 150,163/175	California	3.04 - 3.22	2.68 - 2.92
Fancy, 138/larger	"	a/	2.07 - 2.31
Delicious:			
Extra Fancy, 150,163/175	Washington	3.53 - 4.01	a/
Fancy, 150,163/175	"	3.28	a/
		Per case	Per case
Grapefruit	Jamaica	4.38 - 5.72	5.11 - 5.06
Grapefruit	Porto Rico	5.96 - 6.20	6.81 - 6.93

a/ None quoted in cable. b/ Fair condition. c/ Slack condition.

